

25 January 2012

Dear Parent

Model United Nations Conference – Friday 30 & Saturday 31 March 2012

Your son/daughter is warmly invited to attend The Portsmouth Grammar School's annual Model United Nations Conference, beginning on Friday 30 March 2012 at 5pm and concluding on Saturday 31 March at 4.30pm. The conference will involve approximately 30 countries, each sending a representative to 6 committees (Security Council, Politics, Economics, Human Rights, Science & Technology and Health).

So far, we have 25 delegates coming from other schools and we are looking forward to a conference involving some 120 delegates enjoying high-quality debate, with a chance for all to participate actively. There will be a lobbying session on Friday evening, followed by a drinks reception and a 'Diplomats' meal. The evening will conclude with a lighthearted Model United Nations Quiz event, which will help delegates from different schools to socialize. The Saturday session will consist of committee debates, chaired by experienced PGSMUN pupils, the day culminating with an emergency debate, a hugely entertaining aspect of previous conferences. The conference will end, with a closing Awards Ceremony, at around 4.30 pm on Saturday. I have included a detailed Order of Events on the second page of this letter.

The registration cost of the conference is £19 per delegate, which includes a formal dinner and refreshments on Friday, lunch and refreshments on Saturday, as well as all conference materials.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact James Burkinshaw by email at j.burkinshaw@pgs.org.uk. PGS MUN is a welcoming and friendly environment so pupils new to MUN or who have never attended MUN meetings before are very welcome; indeed, there are prizes awarded for Best Newcomers.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that your son/daughter will be able to take part in another enjoyable and stimulating MUN conference at Portsmouth Grammar School.

Yours sincerely

James Burkinshaw
PGSMUN 2012 Conference Co-ordinator



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Pupil name _____ Year/Tutor _____

I am happy for my son/daughter to attend The PGS Model United Nations Conference on March 30 /March 31. Please add £19 to my school bill for dinner, lunch, refreshments and conference materials.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)



PGS MUN 2012 Order of Events

Friday 30 March

- 1700 – 1730 Welcome and Admin for weekend in the David Russell Theatre
- 1730 – 1815 Drinks reception and lobbying for resolutions to be debated on Saturday
- 1815 – 1915 Meal for all delegates (to lobby and socialise), visiting staff, PGS staff
- 1915 - 2030 Internationally and politically themed General Knowledge Quiz

Saturday 31 March

- 0900 – 0930 General Assembly and speech from PGS MUN Secretary General
- 0930 – 1145 In committees, 3 – 4 debates. Breaks given by Committee chairs
- 1145 – 1200 General Assembly with announcement of 'Emergency Debate'
- 1200 – 1300 Lunch, with opportunity to undertake informal lobbying for 'Emergency Debate'
- 1300 – 1400 Final committee debate
- 1400 – 1415 Committees' individual prize giving
- 1415 – 1600 Emergency Debate
- 1600 – 1630 Prize giving and closing ceremony
- 1630 End of conference